

## ELEPHANTS TAKE AN ANNUAL TUB.

Central Park Zoo the Scene of a Great Bathing Performance.

## THE BIG ANIMALS REBEL.

But by Coaxing and Cajolery They Are Won to the Cause of Cleanliness.

## "TOM" TEASES THE KEEPERS.

Throws Hay on the Undried Surface of His Oiled Back, and Causes Postponement of the Bath.

Before the sun is high to-day the three elephants in the Central Park Zoo—Miss Jewel, Duchess and the tricky Tom, bewilder the school children and nurse girls—will have received their annual bath. It is a very big job, and the keepers un-

## MERCHANTS USED SHOVELS WELL.

Filled Up Post Holes as Fast as Laborers Dug Them.

## ALMOST A PITCHED BATTLE.

Telephone Company Had Tried to String Poles Without Asking Permission.

The New York Telephone Company attempted to steal a march on the Mount Vernon property owners yesterday for the purpose of erecting new poles without their consent, and were defeated by the quick and determined action of the business men.

Early in the morning a gang of telephone pole-setters and wire-stringers descended on South Fourth avenue, the leading business thoroughfare of that city, and with shovels, picks and crowbars set to work to excavate on the sidewalk deep holes for large telephone poles that were to be erected. The poles had also been dis-

## FITCH REFUSED TO HEAR HIM.

Braker's Lawyer Unable to Argue on the Offer to Buy Railroads.

## BOTH ARE SURFACE LINES.

Question Not Yet Acted Upon by a Supreme Court Justice.

Comptroller Fitch decided not to hear argument yesterday on the offer of Henry J. Braker to buy two railroads from the city. Lawyer Charles Henry Butler appeared at the Finance Department ready to submit reasons and a brief, and his client, Mr. Braker, also went there. City Chamberlain McCook was present as a member of the Sinking Fund Commission, in whose interest the hearing was to have been given.

As Mr. Butler arose to speak the Comptroller told him that he had just received a communication from James C. Carter and Elihu Root, in which they said:

## WHITE MONEY IS WHAT THEY WISH.

Senator Wolcott, Mr. Stevenson and Gen. Paine Reach Paris.

## THEIR PLAN OF ACTION.

Will Endeavor to Induce France to Agree to an International Conference.

Paris, May 19.—The United States Bimetallite Commission, consisting of Senator Wolcott, of Colorado; ex-Vice-President Stevenson, of Illinois, and General Paine, of Massachusetts, has arrived here. The Commission will not take any steps officially until General Horace Porter, United States Ambassador to France, has presented his credentials. Then, through General Porter, the Commission will ask President Faure for an audience. Upon that occasion the Commissioners will present their credentials to the President and will await the appointment by the French Government of special delegates with similar powers to their own, with whom they

## DANGER SIGNAL AT WALL STREET.

But the General List Avoids the Threatened Slump.

## JERSEY CENTRAL FIRST.

Liquidation of Long Stock Primarily the Cause of a Sudden Drop.

## FOLLOWED BY CHICAGO GAS.

Early Strength Quickly Undiminished by the Report of the Defeat of Two Bills in the Illinois Senate.

Wall Street, Wednesday, May 19. The general market to-day showed remarkable strength. It is rare that a market has to suffer two severe blows, one after the other, and still more rare that the market should stand up under such blows. The first blow came from a drop of 2½ per cent in Jersey Central and the second from a sensational break of 3½ per cent in Chicago Gas on legislative developments. Notwithstanding these depressing factors the minority of active stocks closed lower and with a few exceptions the declines were insignificant. The gains in the stocks which closed higher were also trifling, but the fact that the whole market did not break away under the circumstances was significant of much inherent strength.

The decline in Jersey Central was due primarily to the liquidation of long stock, but the high loaning premium for the stock indicated that the short interest was increased nevertheless during the day. The announcement that the coal companies had secured a temporary stay of proceedings was construed as an effort to evade the consequences of the investigation by resort to technicalities. Chicago Gas was very strong in the morning, advancing 1 per cent, to 82½. The news of the defeat of both the Frontage and the Consolidation bills in the Illinois Senate precipitated an enormous selling movement, which broke the price down to 79½. Heavy buying for both accounts, however, checked the decline, and the close was 79½ from the bottom, at 79½, a net decline of 2 per cent for the day. The measures defeated were in no way essential to the business prosperity of the company, but would have relieved the Chicago Gas Trust from the perennial litigation which has bedeviled the management for many years. The officials are confident that the same ends can be attained by the slower process of the courts, but wished to make a short cut to immunity from litigation through legislation. The company's earnings capacity is not in any way diminished, but it is anything but the failure of these bills. Much, however, might have been gained by their passage. The insiders were open buyers on the decline, and the sellers, bears and speculators, were holding the stock for a profitable turn on the possible passage of the bills. Some of the larger shorts in the stock covered on the break, but the borrowing demand at the close of business indicated that for every short covered a new short contract had been created. The decline was not excessive for a mercantile stock, considering the keen disappointment occasioned by the failure of the bills. Tennessee Coal and Iron was also very weak, dropping 1½ per cent on a variable statement of earnings for the month of April. There is no denying that the iron business has been very poor for many months, but the price of iron has sunk so low that any possible further change must be in the direction of improvement. The railroad carrying product of the company have also recently granted a 20 per cent reduction in freight rates to the company, which will be reflected favorably in future statements of earnings. There was some good buying of the stock at the low prices, which showed that the statement had been discounted in price, and was awaited as a favorable opportunity for accumulating cheap stock.

Following are the closing Boston quotations:

Boston & Albany	212	212
Boston & Maine	101	101
Chicago Junction common	101	101
Chicago Junction preferred	101	101
Hitchburg preferred	92½	93
New England preferred	87	87
Old Colony	67½	67½
Mexican Central stock	75	81
Old Colony	176½	177½
Norfolk & Western	70	70
Pontiac Iron	10	10
American Bell Telephone	230	231
Washington Electric	224	224
General Electric preferred	220	220
Boston & Montreal	122½	123
Calumet & Hecla	372	372
Isabella	305	315
Quincy Mining	108	108
Zanarack Mining	122	124

Following are the closing Philadelphia quotations:

Laheta Valley	234	234
Pennsylvania R.	51½	51½
Citizens' Pass. Ry. of Indianapolis	21	21½
Philadelphia Traction	67½	67½
Union Traction	96	96
Electric & People's Trust Cts.	60½	60½
Metropolitan Traction	104	105
Consolidated Traction of N. J.	214½	214½
United Gas Improvement Co.	72	72½
Electric Storage Battery	39½	40
Wellsbach Gas Light Co.	184	184
Pennsylvania H. & P. Co.	23	23
Wellsbach Commercial	16	16
Wellsbach Commercial	60	62

Latest London quotations are as follows:

London	104½	104½
Canadian Pacific	112½	112½
Erie 1st pt.	30	30
Erie 2d pt.	124	124
Erie 3d pt.	124	124
Erie 4th pt.	124	124
Erie 5th pt.	124	124
Erie 6th pt.	124	124
Erie 7th pt.	124	124
Erie 8th pt.	124	124
Erie 9th pt.	124	124
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Erie 11th pt.	124	124
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Erie 98th pt.	124	124
Erie 99th pt.	124	124
Erie 100th pt.	124	124

Market Opens at a Slight Advance on Liverpool Advices, but Drops Back on Later Developments.

On 'Change, Wednesday, May 19. Following are to-day's cash prices for staple commercial products:

Wheat—No. 1 Northern.....\$ .80½  
Corn—No. 2 mixed.....\$ .25½  
Cotton—Middling.....\$ .07½  
Coffee—No. 7 Rio.....\$ .07½  
Lard—Prime.....\$ 4.10  
Sugar—Cane, 100 lbs.....\$ 9.45  
Butter—Western creamery.....\$ 14  
Cheese—State full cream.....\$ .04  
Sops—Western.....\$ 1.20  
Potatoes—Scottish Magnum.....\$ 1.20

Better Liverpool advices than were looked for caused the wheat market to open at an advance of ¼¢. The improvement was apparently based on damage to the French crop and rumors of bad condition in Southern Russia. The feeling in the market was very nervous and soon after the opening prices fell back and ruled irregular all morning. There was little outside news of any influence save the cables, and trade was confined to local operators. There were rumors that Australia was inquiring for hard wheat, though no closing of trade was recorded. Grain news from the West was fairly favorable, and the movement in the Northwest was somewhat smaller. Following is the day's range of prices:

WHEAT.

May	79½	79½
July	79½	79½
Sept	79½	79½
Dec	79½	79½

CORN.

May	29½	29½
July	29½	29½
Sept	29½	29½
Dec	29½	29½

OATS.

May	22½	22½
July	22½	22½
Sept	22½	22½
Dec	22½	22½

LARD.

May	4.00	4.00
July	4.00	4.00
Sept	4.00	4.00
Dec	4.00	4.00

CHICAGO.

May	24½	24½
July	24½	24½
Sept	24½	24½
Dec	24½	24½

Following are the sales of bonds, expressed in \$1,000s, and the range of prices:

16 Auctioneered 44	45½	45½
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98 Auctioneered 44	45½	45½
99 Auctioneered 44	45½	45½
100 Auctioneered 44	45½	45½

1 C & B & Nor 5s	104	66
1 C & B & Q 4d	104	66
1 C & B & Q 7s	118	7119
3 C. C. C. & St. L. & St. L. D.	95	67
1 C. C. C. & St. L. & St. L. D.	95	67
1 Con Gas of Chic 5s	92	6
10 Clew. 1. Whl 1st	91	696
1 Clew. 1st	91	696
7 Chi & E. H. 300 5s	90	96
7 Chi & E. 1st & C Co 1st	90	96
7 Chi & E. 1st	90	96
1 Den & Rio G 1st	104	67
1 Den & Rio G 1st	104	67
2 Del & Waco 1st	72	6
2 Del & Waco 1st	72	6
10 Erie. M. & M 1st gr.	18	6
2 Erie 1st	141	1004
1 Erie 1st con 7s.	141	1004
88 Erie prior 5s	88	6
1 Erie 1st	141	1004
7 Gen Elec deb 5s	97	98
5 Harlem 1st c	110	6
5 Harlem 1st	110	6
7 Iron Mt 5s	69	6
10 Iron Mt 5s	69	6
5 Ill Cent 4d. 4s.	101	102
1 Int. & Gt N 2d.	75	6
1 Int. & Gt N 1st	75	6
10 Kas Pac D 4d. 4s.	104	6
10 Kas & Tex 4d.	84	84
1 Kas & Tex 2d.	84	84
5 Leclerc Gas 1st	95	6
1 L E & W 1st	110	6
1 L E & W 1st	110	6
5 Lake Shore 2d c.	123	6
5 Lake Shore 2d c.	123	6
8 Lon & N. 2d.	103	6
8 Lon & N. 2d.	103	6
2 Lou. N. & S. 5s	103	6
2 Lou. N. & S. 5s	103	6
1 N. O. & M D 1st	118	118
1 N. O. & M D 1st	118	118
10 N. O. & E 1st	103	6